State Governments. In many cases, there was no involvement of the industry at the planning and implementation stages.

- Shortage of resources with the State Government to provide advance money as required under the scheme.
- Protracted delays in acquisition/purchase of land.
- Funding was totally based on Government of India subsidy; virtually no efforts was made for leveraging of market funds to address the infrastructure needs comprehensively.

Financial Assistance to Handloom Weavers

1788. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry provides non-institutional finance for handloom weavers; and

(b) if so, the details of finance provided for the weavers in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Focus on Handloom Sector

1789. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Textile Policy, 2000 encouraged the shift of allocations from handloom sector to powerloom-mill sector in the name of modernization;

(b) if so, whether Government tried to shift the focus on handloom again; and

(c) what is the share of textile exports of handloom sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The handloom sector